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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on September 2, 2008, which is being treated as a request under 37 CFR 3.81(b)¹ to correct the name of the assignee on the front page of the above-identified patent by way of a Certificate of Correction.

The request is **DISMISSED**.

The request is dismissed because a draft Certificate of Correction has not been provided. Petitioners must provide a draft Certificate of Correction stating the correction requested. A copy of the Certificate of Correction form, PTO/SB/44, has been enclosed for petitioner's reference. A completed Certificate of Correction form should be submitted with any renewed request.

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